

North Varsity Footballers Take on Leuzinger High

Good Old Days

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Who Is the Real Elmer 'Red' Moon!

To Tell the Truth. . . . Elmer "Red" Moon is an ardent resident of Torrance who identifies himself most prominently with the Recreation and Parks Department.

Elmer "Red" Moon, believe it or not, claims a 25-year background in the plaster trade!

Elmer "Red" Moon has remained active in sports competition as a player for 50 years, and that's no kiddin'!

Yes, the name Elmer "Red" Moon is a familiar one around Torrance. He came here as a young man to play organized softball and got a job at National Supply Company as part of the bargain.

Sandwiched among his experiences, Moon insists he was in the plastering craft for a quarter-century, and probably what makes it seem so unbelievable is his present fixed status with the Torrance Recreation Department. The job suits him so well.

But Moon, who dates back to the start of the century, played basketball at Whittier High School and with the Los Angeles Athletic Club back in 1918 and reached his prime as a softball player in the late 20s.

It was through Spud Murphy that Moon came to Torrance to play softball with the old Bluebirds and was hired by National Supply as part of the deal. He eventually became a recreation volunteer with the company, and later joined Dale Riley with the W.P.A.-sponsored kids' recreation program in the city.

Moon became a permanent fixture with the Torrance Recreation Department when it became an organized agency of the city in 1945.

Red is unique in his field as adult recreation supervisor. Among the multitude of city, church, industrial and open leagues in basketball, softball and slo-pitch, he is authoritative with each group.

The greatest satisfaction Moon has experienced is the tremendous evolution of slo-pitch and amble basketball in the South Bay area. Moon is probably most responsible for the blossoming of these programs locally.

Some of his motives may have been the desire of Moon to continue as an active athlete himself after he reached 50.

Slo-pitch, as we know the game today, allows a "rubber-arm" player to pitch and "rusty gate" to swing and hit a softball, which, as the expression implies, "is as big as a balloon."

A couple years ago while Moon was making the evening rounds of his ball parks, he found a Fire Department team short a player. Rather than have the team forfeit, and since it was early in the season, he was able to sign up with the players and became their pitcher. The team won the championship with him.

Another pet activity of Moon's is Amble Basketball, a sport he first observed on a vacation trip through Redding, Calif. Rules of the game strictly contradict standard rules of basketball, but they serve a purpose.

Among the innovations, no shooting is allowed inside the key, a team must wait 10 seconds before taking the ball across the center court line, the time clock is locked in a box during each 15-minute period, and the winner of two "quarters" out of three wins the game. No entry fees and no trophies are considered in the "recreation" activity.

Moon is particularly fond of basketball. His youngest, Bob, was a basketball star at Torrance and El Camino College.

Moon is so convinced backyard baskets play an important role in developing young basketball players, he has prepared an architectural drawing of an ideal garage-type basket. Anyone may obtain a copy by contacting him at city hall.

Moon insists if a father wants to erect a basketball backboard his youngster will appreciate—along with all other boys in the neighborhood—planned specification should be followed.

These specs have been prepared by a gentleman who, 50 years after he began playing basketball, would feel right at home in a game against the Harlem Globetrotters or any fellas who like to play for fun!

Football Calendar

PROFESSIONAL
Sunday, Nov. 22
Baltimore at Los Angeles (Coliseum), 4:05 p.m.

COLLEGIATE
Saturday, Nov. 21
USC vs. UCLA at Coliseum, 1:30 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE
Saturday, Nov. 21
Valley at El Camino, 8 p.m.
Long Beach at Cerritos 8 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL
Friday, Nov. 20
Leuzinger at North, 8 p.m.
Lennox at Torrance, 8 p.m.
El Segundo at West, 8 p.m.
South at Palos Verdes, 2:45 p.m.
Crespi at Bishop Montgomery, 8 p.m.

Redondo at Hawthorne, 8 p.m.
Santa Monica at Mira Costa, 8 p.m.

Morningside at Inglewood, 8 p.m.
Beverly Hills at Culver City, 8 p.m.

Lawndale at Aviation 8 p.m.

Sports

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SPEEDSTER . . . Dave Hubert (27) of North High will be at halfback Friday night when the Saxons battle first place Leuzinger in a Sky League championship football game at North Stadium. The Olympians have won six straight games since losing to Lawndale, 19-12 in a practice game. (Photo by Paul Chaille)

North Favored In League Run

North High is a slight favorite to win the Sky League cross-country meet at Morningside High School Friday afternoon.

The Saxons, bidding for a spot in the CIF runoffs, are unbeaten in five dual league meets and have three of the top runners in the league.

Morningside which lost a 30-27 race to North is a serious threat for the title. Beverly Hills' Dave Goldman and Dave Shirn are a pair of individual favorites.

The Saxons' big threesome is Gordon MacBeath, Rocky Setting, and Tom Foley. Other runners are Gary Macdonald, Pete Staff, Alex Mendoza and Wayne Baldwin.

Coach Howard Smith of the Saxons says his primary concern is how far back his fifth man will be in the race. With so many runners going at once Leuzinger could be a surprise winner with its flock of consistent runners.

Gridders Bid for Crown

One game can mean the difference between a tie for first place and third place in the Sky League for the North High varsity football team Friday night.

The Saxons tackle unbeaten Leuzinger in their final league game of the season at North Stadium. A possible CIF playoff spot is at stake for either team as well as Culver City.

Except for a 13-6 loss to Culver City, North's record would be unblemished. Leuzinger tripped Culver City, last week, 21-7 for the Centaurs' only loss.

Leuzinger has such a fine running attack it hardly depends upon much passing this season. North coaches look upon the Olympians as a team with a house full of backfield talent, and leading the bandwagon is Don House, a hard running halfback.

Coach Ed Levy of North feels Speedy Terry Strunk is particularly hard to handle, while Quarterback Sal Bommarito is talented in every phase of offensive maneuvers.

The Olympians have a youthful but aggressive line which has completely outplayed four league opponents to date.

North's starting squad is getting more relief from a fast improving crew, according to Levy, and he expects the team to be at its peak for Leuzinger.

Bob Quarry, quarterback, has Brent Nickoloff, Steve Schmitz, Dave MacGillivray and Dave Hubert to call on in the backfield. Hubert gives way on offense at times to compensate for his extra duty on defense.

North's starting line will consist of Gary Martin, Danny Scott, Chet Lockett, John Spindler, Dan Hodges, Bill Turner and Don Albin from end to end.

Runners Set For Bay Race At Inglewood

South and Mira Costa High School are expected to wage a two way fight for the Bay League cross-country supremacy Friday afternoon at Sentinal Field in Inglewood.

There varsity, junior varsity and novice races will be held on a 1.9-mile course to qualify teams for the CIF meet.

South is led by Wes Fox and Lenny Jay, two of the fastest competitors in the area.



TOP DISTANCE MAN . . . West High's Ron Pettigrew was caught by the camera as he crossed the finish line in the West High-Aviation cross country meet last Friday. Pettigrew was defeated Friday for the first time this year, despite a record time for the 2-mile run. He will lead the Warrior distance men Friday at the Pioneer League finals as he tries to catch the men who beat him — Jim Dillon and Greg Hall of Aviation High. (Press-Herald Photo)

Aviation, West Favored In Cross Country Meet

By JERRY REYNOLDS
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"I'll catch them in the league finals!"

So spoke West High's Ron Pettigrew after last Friday's cross country meet between Aviation and West. Pettigrew was talking about a couple of fleet-footed Falcons who currently rank one and two in the Pioneer League cross country standings.

Pettigrew is West's Number One varsity distance man and number three in the league, and he may well catch "them"—Jim Dillon and Greg Hall. Those league finals, toward which all the Warrior runners have been pointing in recent weeks, are scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday in Inglewood's Centinela Park.

Aviation, El Segundo, Lawndale, Lennox, Torrance, and West will have teams entered in the varsity, junior varsity, and novice (freshman-sophomore) divisions. It'll be a six-way race in the jayvee and novice divisions.

But, for all practical purposes, the varsity race will be a rematch of last Friday's Aviation-West meet. Aviation won, 19-36 (low score wins), handing West its only loss of the season. The Warriors finished the season 4-1 for the league and 8-1 overall.

West coach Bob Holtel will send his top five varsity runners into the race. Lining up behind Pettigrew will be Mike Sellers, Tom Johnston, Tom Jurco, and Keith Nester. All five will be out to leave Aviation's Dillon and Hall in the dust.

Pettigrew owns the West High school record—set last Friday while placing third in the race—of 9:33.8. He was less than five seconds behind Dillon when he cut the tape, but he also was more than 12 seconds ahead of his previous best on the Warrior course.

The 2-mile course at Centinela Park is flat, but difficult. The best time of the season was turned by Wes Fox of South High—who'll run the same course Friday in the Bay League finals. Pettigrew has recorded a 9:54 time on the park tour.

If the varsity race proves to be exciting, it won't be at the expense of the jayvee and novice races. In both divisions, the Warriors finished the dual-meet season with perfect 5-0 marks (both teams were 7-2 on the season). The jayvee squad claimed second place in the small school's division of both the Long Beach and Mt. San Antonio College invitational. The frosh-soph runners didn't race want.

at Long Beach, but they won the Mt. SAC championship.

Jayvees expected to be near the top for West are Tom Purkey, a freshman who has run in the varsity division for a good part of the season and made a better-than-average showing; Bob Clark, another varsity runner who has had his share of good running, and Tom Fraser, who put on a great show last week in winning the jayvee race.

Other jayvee runners set to go Friday include John Smith, Lou Rivera, Jim Evans, Harry Dunlop, Mike Stanley, Bill Herschler, and Greg Burton.

Hotel will list 24 men for the novice race. His top ten include Jim Sage, Dave Ambriz, Jeff Palmer, Greg Torhune, Ron Padmos, Ron Rodrigues, Jim Tobin, Tom Kelly, Wink Saville, and Rich Stahlberg.

The top five runners in each division will get medals and the top seven men on the winning varsity and jayvee teams will get team medals. For the varsity and jayvee winners, there'll be trophies. But the real prize is given only in the varsity division—a chance in the CIF race. The first and second place teams will run in the CIF semi-finals a week from today—and that's what the Warriors want.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

'Pennant at a Glance'

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The regular high school football season comes to a climax Friday night in the Bay League, Pioneer League, Sky League and Camino Real League.

In a 6-team race for the pennant where a mere five league games decide the championship, photo finishes can always be anticipated and 1964 is no exception.

A picture of what may develop in varsity and lightweight pennant chases coming down to the wire has been outlined.

A set of delicate rules usually prevail whereby in event of a 2-team tie, the winner of the game involving the twosome is declared champion, in an event of a three-way tie in varsity competition, the playoff participant is determined by a toss of a coin.

Team record (Wins-Losses-Ties) are in parenthesis.

Bay League

VARSITY
Palos Verdes High, upset in its bid for a perfect Bay

League campaign by Redondo last Friday, 14-7, needs a victory over winless South of Torrance to tuck away its first Bay League title. However, a South (0-4) upset over Palos Verdes (3-1) Friday afternoon at P.V. would leave the flag for Hawthorne (3-1) or Redondo (2-1-1) to claim in their big game at Hawthorne Friday night.

Mira Costa (2-2), Santa Monica (1-2-1) and South are out of the running.

BEES
Redondo (4-0) has already clinched the Bay League title in the Bees, but Hawthorne 2-1-1 poses a threat to the most successful lightweight weight season in the Bees' 50-year history.

Redondo's point total is 111-0 in league play and only two non-league touchdowns scored against the team came on a pass interception and a fumble.

Finishing out of contention are Palos Verdes (2-2), Santa Monica (2-2), Mira Costa (1-2-1), and South (0-4).

CEES

A 7-6 victory for Santa Monica (4-0) over Redondo (3-1) early in the season has

been the difference in the League C division. However, since losing convincingly to Redondo in their first game,

wise a Santa Monica win would give the Vikes a perfect season.

Palos Verdes (0-4) and South (0-4) fight it out for what may be South's only serious threat to win a Bay League football game this year.

Camino Real

VARSITY

The three teams battling for the Camino Real League championship at this stage of the game face second division opposition during their last regular appearance on the gridiron.

Crespi (3-1) faces Bishop Montgomery (2-2); Fermin Lasuen (3-1) goes against St. Monica's (1-3); and St. Bernard's (3-1) tackles St. John Vianney (0-4) in a hopeless attempt to settle the issue.

Crespi, after mowing down St. Bernard's, 19-13, was sitting pretty after St. Bernard's blanked Fermin Lasuen, 20-0, but Lasuen pulled a 14-13 upset over Crespi, thereby creating turmoil. Crespi plays at Montgomery High Friday night.

Pioneer League

VARSITY

On paper Lawndale has the best football team in Pioneer League, but El Segundo (4-0) upset Lawndale (3-1) by a 7-6 score and appears headed for an unbeaten campaign, facing West (0-4) as a tuneup for the CIF playoffs.

Even a Lawndale win over Aviation (2-2) is not enough to counteract the 7-6 loss.

Torrance High (1-3) can finish in a three-way tie for third place with Lennox (2-2) and Aviation by beating Lennox in their finale at Torrance Stadium.

BEES

Coach Frank Simon's Torrance Tarabes (4-0) can become undisputed Pioneer League "B" champions with a final triumph at Lennox (1-3) Friday afternoon.

West High (3-1), which put away second place with a 26-7 win over Aviation, had an overall unbeaten season spoiled by Torrance three weeks ago, 25-20, and with it apparently goes the league crown.

West goes against El Segundo (0-4) Friday, while

Sky League

VARSITY

In an "Olympic Year" the Leuzinger Olympians (4-0) not only rule the Sky League football race going into the final week of the season, but they are the stalwart among all prep elevens in the area.

Only a 19-12 non-league loss to Lawndale mars a second undefeated season for Leuzinger.

Nevertheless Leuzinger

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